

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph which accurately reflects the priority data in this application:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/688,298, now Patent No. 6,741,442, filed October 13, 2000 and entitled, "Intelligent Power Distribution System," the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. --